

# 1000 PEAKS LOOKOUT

## Old Timers Reunion - Harwood May 20-21

Your Central Committee has reserved Harwood Lodge for its first annual old-timers peak bagger get-together and mountain reunion. All former HPS members, current HPS members, and would-be HPS members are invited. Let's fill the 60 some beds at Harwood and once again prove that the Hundred Peakers are the most active and enthusiastic bunch in the Chapter.

Plan to arrive at Harwood around noon Saturday, May 20. At 1 p.m. there will be an easy snow hike to Sunset Peak Lookout. For those arriving a little later, a group will leave at 2 p.m. for San Antonio Falls, and possibly the ski hut.

Chief Chef Bruce Collier and his able assistants will have dinner ready at 6 p.m., followed by an evening slide program. Old-timers are urged to bring a dozen or so slides taken on HPS trips scheduled at least 5 years ago.

To work off the Sunday morning pancake feast, an ascent of nearby Sugarloaf Peak has been scheduled, leaving Harwood at 9 a.m. (2,000' of elevation gain).

In order to secure the proper amount of food, it will be necessary to have your reservation (and money) to Connie Mitchell by Friday, May 19. The cost for this extravaganza is only \$3.50 for each adult and child over 12 (\$1.00 of this goes to Harwood Lodge) and \$1.50 for each child age 3 to 12. Be sure to get your reservation in the mail today so you won't be left out. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Connie Mitchell, not the Sierra Club or the HPS, and sent to 704 Canyon Crest Drive, Sierra Madre 91024.

Don't forget to bring your old slides, lunches for two days, and an ice axe if you have one.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### NEW MEMBERS

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John McKinley  
Mary Kemper

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### NEW EMBLEM HOLDERS

Paul Goff #153  
John Ripley #154  
Jerry Keating #155

### NEW 200 BAR HOLDERS

Harry Melts #9

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### ADDRESS CHANGE

Ben Romero

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### FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAIR

During the early months of 1967, your Central Committee was busily engaged in several projects, such as the adoption and procurement of an HPS cloth patch, getting the Climbers Guide project under way, and planning the fall schedule. With that behind us, we are moving forward into new areas.

How many times have you received special announcements in the mail urging you to write, telephone, or telegraph some legislator before a specific date regarding some hot conservation issue so that your opinion could be entered

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in the record? As a section chairman, I often receive such pleas, and almost always they arrive after the hearings are over. We have assigned Bruce Collier the additional task of studying and setting up a "Conservation Alert System" whereby the Los Angeles area could be divided into local phone areas so that a dozen alert key people could phone nearby Sierra Clubbers and notify them of critical hearings where immediate letters might swing the tide of battle. The idea is that once contacted, that person would make one phone call passing the information on, in a pyramid type fashion. I'm sure Bruce would appreciate help or suggestions from other interested individuals or sections.

In past years, the Sierra Club has sponsored a number of clean-up trips, principally in the Sierra, for the express purpose of cleaning up rubbish left in the back country. I feel this is a very worthwhile endeavor and would like to see more such projects in our local mountains. Have you ever taken a good look around Slushy Meadows in, say, September? At any rate, I am presently contacting the proper officials in both Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests to see if we can help clean up back country areas of high visitor use, preferably at the end of the summer season. And speaking of trash, I think we should not only avoid throwing gum wrappers, etc. alongside the trail, we should also take that little bit of extra effort to pick up such paper as we find it. I remember going on a hike recently (not an HPS hike) where at least a dozen Sierra Clubbers stepped on or over a candy bar wrapper before I came to it and picked it up.

One more item and I shall get off my soap box. The recent Kellogg-Dart rescue operation in Baja has momentarily turned everyone's attention to mountain safety. Safety is a subject too often taken for granted, and fortunately the HPS has been rather lucky in the matter. We have formed a new standing committee on the subject, with its new chairman Bob Van Allen reporting directly to the Central Committee. The new Safety Committee will have several tasks, the most immediate of which is to select criteria for the selection and recruitment of leaders for rescue operations. The SPS, DPS, & RCS are taking similar action. The idea is not to organize search and rescue parties, but to be able to provide qualified leaders for such parties. There are a number of very fine mountain rescue teams in Southern California who are most proficient at peeling people off ledges. These teams are sometimes lacking, however, in detailed knowledge of a particular area. That is where the qualified Sierra Club leaders could come in. Other duties of the Safety Committee include keeping track of the first aid kits and eventually, mountain safety training for HPS leaders and members.

Don't forget, our July Central Committee meeting will be spent scheduling trips for the months of November through February. If you have any suggestions, be sure to come to the meeting, or mail them to Schedule Chairman Bruce Collier. We are going to begin a real drive to bring new faces into HPS leadership ranks. We always need leaders and assistants, so if you would like to volunteer to lead or assist in an outing, please let us know.

ROGER MITCHELL



## CLIMBERS GUIDE

The Climbers Guide Project (which is currently receiving most of the attention and effort of the six member Mountain Records Committee) is proceeding with the implementation of the basic design and function plans of Phase I.

Phase II is currently in process, and concerns the actual field scouting and subsequent rough draft write-up operations. Fourteen volunteers are currently active in this part. However, to accomplish this task and see it through to completion will require many more dedicated volunteers than are presently active. With the understanding that we will all benefit from the completion of this cooperative effort, your help is requested.

The ladies of the section also have an opportunity to help this important project. There exists a critical need for the development of a part time typing group. Their role will be to transform the approved rough draft write-ups into the finished product ready for reproduction.

All persons interested in working on the project are requested to contact the chairman at work, 679-8711, Ext. 68365 or at home 376-5317.

WARREN VON PERTZ

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## RECIPE FOR A DRIVE-UP

Take six highly seasoned mountain drivers

Add 25 firm (they must be firm) passengers

Blend well in six assorted jeeps and Volkswagens

Build a road or, if it has already been built, prepare in the following manner:

Use the 25 firm passengers to remove all boulders from the road; they can also help to shovel away slides, push vehicles out of the mud, and moan when the ruts are deep.

Stew the whole mess for 4-1/2 hours, adding 14 miles of driving (?), and occasionally basting with about four miles of hiking.

Serve at mild mountain temperature in a Sugarpine and Cajon casserole.

Serves two drive-ups for thirty people.

That was the afternoon of March 25. The morning's activity was devoted to an uneventful climb of Cleghorn. Thirty-five participated in that climb; five chickened out when warned by the leader that the road to the other peaks had been rather badly treated by recent rainstorms.

Unscheduled, but able, assistance was given by Don McLellan and Lew Hill. Everybody agreed that this unusual trip was a worthwhile experience. However, the recipe is only recommended for those with cast iron stomachs.

LARRY SALMON

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CLEGHORN, CAJON,  
SUGARPINE, MONUMENT

MAR. 25

LEADER: LARRY SALMON

What is a mountain without any sugar pines? What is a road without tracks? Where is a leader dauntless with shovel, compass, and map leading us onward and upward?

A mountain without sugar pines is called Sugarpine in the San Bernardino Mountains. A road without tracks is one where the Hundred Peaks members have not yet been. A leader dauntless with shovel, compass, and map is Mr. L. Salmon leading the HPS on his trip to Cleghorn, Cajon, Sugarpine, and Monument.

Cleghorn was the upward by that most famous of routes - a fire break. Cajon, Sugarpine, and not Monument were the onward part of the trip.

Many of us felt that the Hundred Peaks emblem has been misrepresented. It should be crossed shovels against a firebreak.

In conclusion, I feel that the trip was very successful and should Mr. Salmon again lead a trip, I will surely be there - with a shovel.

LEWIS MITCHELL HILL

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HINES PK., CHIEF PK.

APR. 2

LEADER: WARREN VON PERTZ

ASST: BOB HAWTHORNE

From our meeting place vantage point, a truly beautiful morning unfolded, so that by 7:00 a. m. all of the distant horizons were visible, aided by the brilliance of the newly fallen snow.

Seventeen hardy souls showed up for the activity, and after allowing 15 minutes to collect the late comers, the group started to caravan down the Sespe towards Red Reef Canyon.

The group was packed into the only two 4-wheel drive vehicles and after ten miles of steadily deteriorating road conditions, a possible point of jeopardy was reached. The leader decided to turn around (while we still could) and return to upper Rose Valley Campground, where we could climb our selected alternate, Chief Peak.

The group enjoyed a six mile snow climb, with all seventeen persons making the summit of Chief by 1:00 p. m. The dramatic vistas, studded by photogenic clouds, served as a most beautiful setting for our usual summit lunch break.

All participants were back to the cars and homeward bound by 4:30 p. m., thus ending a most rewarding outing for everyone.

WARREN VON PERTZ

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CONDOR PEAK,  
FOX MOUNTAIN NO. 2

APR. 15

LEADER: DICK AKAWIE  
ASST: BEN NEFFSON

Those of you who rose early on Saturday, April 15, looked out the window and decided that the weather was too threatening for a hike in the local mountains are to be congratulated on your good sense. The 24 people who came out anyway were treated to a wide variety of weather - almost all bad. The 17-1/2 mile hike (5720' gain) started under dark gray skies. Because of the 30 crossings of Trail Creek in each direction, the leader demonstrated to the group how not to cross by stepping on a rock, which rolled, and by falling in at the second crossing. At about the 4000' level, we entered the clouds and from then on visibility was reduced to 20 to 25 feet. Four people had regained their senses and turned back by the time the group left the saddle where the trail hits the fire road. From then on the remaining 20 tromped through drizzle, rain, and snow, arriving at the top of Fox Mountain No. 2 after 4 hours and 5 minutes of hiking. Following an unenjoyable lunch - all we could see was one another turning blue from the cold - we retraced our steps toward Condor Peak, and 17 signed in on top. The temperature was 33° and a good wind was blowing hail in our faces. From there it was back to Trail Canyon, where we finally came out below the clouds. The creek was even higher on the trip back than it was on the way up. The last person was out by about 6:00 p. m. and everyone went home to get warm and dry. Those who had also been on the Ross Mountain trip last November agreed that the weather was worse this time. Perhaps this trip should be run again in the near future, so that those who climbed the peaks can see where they were.

DICK AKAWIE

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MT. WATERMAN (8038')  
INSTEAD OF TWIN PEAKS

APR. 29

LEADERS: JOHN ROBINSON  
WILLIAM ANDERSON

Stormy weather throughout much of April necessitated a change of plans for the scheduled 100 Peaks-Pasadena CC Highlanders Twin Peaks ascent. Everything above 6000 feet in the San Gabriels was plastered with a heavy mantle of white, and brief snow flurries the night before left six inches of light powder over a two foot base of hard snow.

Instead of the scheduled climb, which would have required a rather hazardous traverse across steep snow-covered slopes to reach Twin Peaks Saddle, the group climbed nearby Mt. Waterman. From the Buckhorn Ranger Station to the top, we were on snow all the way. Icicles on the trees lent a winter fairyland effect. Skiers were met near the top, and we carefully avoided crossing their downhill runs.

From the icy summit, a wintery view was beheld by all. The higher peaks of the San Gabriels played hide-and-seek behind massive, billowy clouds. The sun shown intermittently.

Twenty-two enjoyed the short, pleasant hike - 8 Sierra Clubbers, 14 Highlanders. Returning to the cars by early afternoon, several peak-baggers



added two or three nearby summits to their collections.

For the future, I might suggest that anything over 7000 feet scheduled before May should require ice axes and snow training. With axes and experience, we could have easily ascended Twin Peaks; without these prerequisites, it would have been too hazardous. Only three of the party brought axes.

JOHN ROBINSON

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COBBLESTONE & WHITE	MAY 6-7	LEADER: LARRY SALMON
OR		ASST: HOW BAILEY
ADVENTURES WITH SALMON - CHAP. 17		

The hardy band that gathered at El Rancho 76 Station early Saturday afternoon was well prepared for the rigors of attaining two peaks in the Los Padres National Forest. Water was a problem, as it is so often on our trips, but not in the usual sense; sizeable quantities of it were encountered in driving and hiking (quite a bit in the crystalline form known as snow). Three vehicles chanced the watery crossing of Piru Creek in order to reach Hardluck Campground, the starting point for the hike. (Although many of the group who had waded through the knee-high water walked part or all of the 2-1/2 miles to Buck Creek G. S. )

How Bailey, assistant leader, brought up the rear as 37 backpackers hiked the 4-1/2 miles of beautiful trail to the old Buck Creek Campground. Only a few got involved with water at the many cream strossings. The lower Buck Creek Campground was occupied by a few Riverside Chapter members and three members of the Valley College Hiking and Climbing Club. Bruce Collier missed a golden opportunity to witness a variety of trail cookery (ugh!) at dinnertime.

Early the next morning, 32 of the group continued up the California Riking and Hiding trail to get a beautiful view of snow-covered Cobblestone from the White Mountain ridge. The leader wisely turned over the lead of the Cobblestone ascent to How; the steep 1400' ascent of Cobblestone was made by arduously kicking steps in the sometimes four foot snow. By 10:45 a. m. , all had arrived for the spectacular view of near and distant peaks.

The glissading descent brought the snow bunnies to a saddle, from which White would be a 900', mile and a half ascent. We were joined on the long, easy ridge by Hugh and Ruby Meserve, ardent 100 Peakers from the Riverside Chapter (six others had climbed White the day before). By 1:30, all were hungrily eating lunch on the summit. The learless feeder then lead a direct descent down a ridgeless trail to the stream that runs through the campsite. The packup, hikeout, and wading-driving across Piru Creek were all accomplished without mishap and with relative dispatch by 6:00 p. m. The dozen participants who came along to qualify for BMTC got their slips signed and vowed to join us on future HPS jaunts.

LARRY SALMON (Leader?)

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**SCHEDULE 185 PREVIEW (JULY - OCTOBER)**

- JUL 8-9 SAT-SUN** San Gorgonio Ridge - all 8 peaks. Bob Van Allen, Larry Salmon.
- JUL 11 TUE** Business meeting at Hq. Note special date for July. Plan Nov. -Feb. schedule.
- JUL 13 THU** Social hour. Natural Science "Stream Woodlands".
- JUL 16 SUN** Mt. Islip to Baden-Powell (and all between). Fred and Judy Hoeptner.
- JUL 29 SAT** Pinos, Grouse, Sawmill. Don McLellan, Sr. and Jr.
- AUG 1 TUE** Business meeting at Hq.
- AUG 10 THU** Social hour. "From Sunrise to Sunset." Slides by Larry Salmon.
- AUG 27 SUN** Mystery hike. See July LOOKOUT.
- SEP 5 TUE** Business meeting at Hq.
- SEP 14 THU** Social hour. Sierra Summits. Warren von Pertz.
- SEP 16-17 SAT-SUN** High Desert and Santa Rosa Mtns. Joint trip with Natural Science. Bob Hawthorne, Bill Hawkinson, and George Hale.
- SEP 23-24 SAT-SUN** Mountain top roundup at Keller Hut. The Central Committee.
- OCT 1 SUN** Iron Mtn. No. 1. "Big Iron" via the Bailey route. Note restrictions in Schedule 185. How Bailey, Dick Akawie.
- OCT 3 TUE** Business meeting at Hq.
- OCT 7 SAT** Wright, Pine, Dawson, and San Antonio or Circle. Les Stockton, Bob Herlihy.
- OCT 12 THU** Annual membership meeting.
- OCT 14-15 SAT-SUN** Eagle Rest, Antimony, and Tecuya. Lew Hill, Joe Kazlowski.
- OCT 21-22 SAT-SUN** Kelso Valley exploratory. Family car camp with all exploratory climbs. Ghost towns, mines, etc. Joint trip with Palos Verdes Group. HPS Bruce Collier, Roger Mitchell; P. V. Dee Johnson



NOTICE OF NON-SCHEDULED TRIP

MAY 27-30

SAT-TUE

100 PEAKS

Big Pine (6800'+), West Pine (6490'), Samon (6227'), and Madulce (6536'):

First day, 10 mi. and 2000' gain with packs. Second day, 5 mi. and 1400' with packs, plus 12 mi. and 2100' without packs. Third day, 7 mi. and 2100' without packs, including the infamous bushwhack to Samon. Fourth day, 4 mi. and 1200' plus 12 mi. pack out. Several lesser options available. Carry two canteens and food for four days. Water at camp but no wood - bring stoves. Call leader for time and place of meeting and other details. Driving 270 mi. Leader: HOW BAILEY. Asst.: LEW HILL.